

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1463

Introduced by Assembly Member Berg

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 9102 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to aging.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1463, as introduced, Berg. California Department of Aging.

Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act establishes the California Department of Aging in the California Health and Human Services Agency. Under existing law, the department's mission is to provide leadership to the area agencies on aging in developing systems of home- and community-based services that maintain individuals in their own homes or least restrictive homelike environments. Existing law sets forth the duties and powers of the department.

This bill would make a technical nonsubstantive change to the provisions relating to the California Department of Aging.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9102 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 9102. The duties and powers of the department shall be:
- 4 (a) To administer all programs under the Older Americans Act
- 5 of 1965, as amended, and this division, including providing
- 6 ongoing oversight, monitoring, and service quality evaluation to

1 ensure that service providers are meeting standards of service
2 performance established by the department. This shall include,
3 but is not limited to, all of the following:

4 (1) Setting program standards and providing standard
5 materials for training.

6 (2) Providing technical assistance to area agencies on aging,
7 program managers, staff, and volunteers providing services.

8 (3) ~~Development of~~ *Developing* the state plan on aging
9 according to federal law.

10 (4) ~~Maintain~~ *Maintaining* a clearinghouse of information
11 related to the interests and needs of older individuals and provide
12 referral services, if appropriate.

13 (5) ~~Maintain~~ *Maintaining* a management information and
14 reporting system, including a data base on service utilization
15 patterns and demographic characteristics of the older population
16 to be cross-classified by age, sex, race, and other information
17 required for the planning process, and ~~eliminate~~ *eliminating*
18 redundant and unnecessary reporting requirements.

19 (6) ~~Encourage~~ *Encouraging* and ~~support~~ *supporting* the
20 involvement of volunteers in services to older individuals.

21 (7) ~~Seek~~ *Seeking* ways to utilize the private sector to assume
22 greater responsibility in meeting the needs of older individuals.

23 (8) ~~Encourage~~ *Encouraging* internships to be coordinated with
24 schools of gerontology or related disciplines, including
25 internships for older individuals.

26 (b) The department shall have primary responsibility for
27 information received and dispersed to the area agencies on aging.

28 (c) The department shall be responsible for activities that
29 promote the development, coordination, and utilization of
30 resources to meet the long-term care needs of older individuals,
31 consistent with its mission. The responsibilities shall include, but
32 not be limited to, all of the following:

33 (1) ~~Conduct~~ *Conducting* research in the areas of alternative
34 social and health care systems for older individuals.

35 (2) As specified in Section 9002, ~~coordinate~~ *coordinating* with
36 agencies and departments that administer health, social, and
37 related services for the purposes of policy development,
38 development of care standards, consistency in application of
39 policy, evaluation of alternative uses of available resources
40 toward greater effectiveness in service delivery, including

1 seeking additional federal and private dollars to support
2 achievement of program goals, and—~~ensure~~ *ensuring* ongoing
3 response to the identified special needs of the chronically
4 impaired to provide support that maximizes their level of
5 functioning.

6 (3) ~~Monitor~~ *Monitoring* and—~~evaluate~~ *evaluating* programs and
7 services administered by the department, utilizing standardized
8 methodology.

9 (4) ~~Develop~~ *Developing* and—~~implement~~ *implementing* training
10 and technical assistance programs designed to achieve program
11 goals.

12 (5) ~~Establish~~ *Establishing* criteria for the designation,
13 sanctioning and defunding of area agencies on aging.